Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weisberg, 6/2/96

Enclosed is a news story from the Beaver County Times of Sunday, 6/2/96 about Arlen Specter's open house in Beaver, PA the afternoon of Friday, 5/31. As you see, the senator ran into quite a lot of unfriendly comment. I have also included the letter which I wrote today to the Beaver paper. I think they will print it, but am sending it to you just in case they don't, so that you can see what I have written. If they don't print it, I will call on Mr. Uhuriniak and ask him why. Three years ago they did print a letter from me on the assassination.

Of 15 people who asked questions, 2 were on the JFK matter. I have read Lifton's book, BEST EVIDENCE, which is the basis for the tape that Mr. Fardo tried to give to Specter, and I must say that it is a very puzzling book. I also heard Lifton lecture several years ago. I may add that Specter said at the open house that these people (Paul O'Connor and the other Navy man who talked to Lifton) "never testified before the Warren Commission," and I said, very loudly, "Of course they didn't. You guys never asked them to." Mr. Fardo, whom I don't know, did his best to give Specter the tape, but was unsuccessful.

I will give Specter that he handles himself well, and is fast on his feet. If his damned career weren't based on his big lie, I would think he is a pretty good senator, but the man is a liar and an accessory after the fact.

The other day I got a letter from Fletcher Prouty, answering a letter of mine written some time ago. He said that he was glad that I had read and believed your books, and that he had a letter of yours on his desk waiting for his answer.

I just hope that we can get enough younger people in this business. You and Fletcher Prouty and I are getting old. But we do keep trying.

Bill Thomson